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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Michael J. Yaszemski *et al.*

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For: HYDROXYAPATITE GRAFTED FUMARATE BASED MACROMERS FOR
BIODEGRADABLE COMPOSITES

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Group Art Unit: 1796

Examiner: Irina S. Zemel

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 31, 2009 that
considered the earlier Amendment sent on December 29, 2008 to be non-compliant.
Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Replacement Sheet for Figure 1b is on page 10 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date set forth below.

Signature: *Samuel Allen* Date: 4/24/09